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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT (HYDROGRAPHIC)

Type of Survey ..... Wire Drag  
Field No. .... WAHI 2148  
Office No. .... FE-67WD

### LOCALITY

State ..... New York  
General Locality ..... Long Island Sound  
Locality ..... Vicinity of Old Field Point

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CHIEF OF PARTY  
W.F. Malnate

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

WIRE DRAG INVESTIGATION and  
Type of Survey ESTABLISHMENT OF MEASURED MILE

Field No. WAHI 2148 Office No. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCALITY

State NEW YORK

General locality LONG ISLAND SOUND

Locality VICINITY OF OLD FIELD POINT  
LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

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HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

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Field No. WAHI 2148

Register No. FE-4-1948

State New York  
General locality Long Island Sound  
Locality Vicinity of Old Field Point, Long Island, N. Y.  
Scale 1 : 20000 Date of Survey 5 to 12 May 1948  
Vessel WAINWRIGHT & HILGARD  
Chief of Party W. F. Malnate  
Surveyed by Field Officers  
Protracted by  
Soundings penciled by  
Soundings in ~~fathoms~~ feet  
Plane of reference MLW  
Subdivision of wire dragged areas by Walter J. Chovan  
Inked by  
Verified by  
Instructions dated 6 February 1948  
Remarks

FE-4-1948



DESCRIPTIVE REPORT  
SPECIAL WIRE-DRAG INVESTIGATION  
AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF MEASURED MILE

FIELD NO. WAHI 2148

SHIPS WAINWRIGHT & HILGARD    W.F. Malnate, Chief of Party

AUTHORITY

This investigation was made in accordance with special instructions dated 6 February 1948 and 20 February 1948. The measured mile was established in accordance with plans agreed to between the Supervisor, Eastern District, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and a representative of the New York Sun. ✓

DATE AND TYPE OF SURVEY

Field work was started 5 May 1948 and ended 12 May 1948. The purpose of the Survey was:-

(1) To locate a reported obstruction. This was accomplished by wire dragging and echo sounding. | par. 2, Review

(2) To extend an established Measured Statue Mile to a nautical mile and check it from recoverable triangulation stations.

Work to establish the measured mile was accomplished when conditions did not permit wire dragging. ✓

CONTROL

WIRE DRAG: Natural objects previously located by triangulation or objects located by a plane-table traverse run on the end launch boat sheet, or objects located by sextant cuts during this investigation were used to control the survey. ✓  
*End launch boat sheet destroyed after signals were transferred*

MEASURED MILE: Checked from recovered triangulation stations.

SURVEY METHODS

WIRE DRAG: Standard dual control methods were used. The drag strips were controlled by three point fixes observed on fixed shore objects. Lift was determined by tests from the tender using a graduated rod coated with a mixture of white lead and tallow. The suspected area was dragged in two directions and when possible with the current to minimize lift. ✓



Hangs were investigated by hand lead, using a skiff with outboard motor for a tender. This was not completely satisfactory as it was difficult to control the skiff in the sea and current prevailing. The hang area was further investigated by the Ship WAINWRIGHT, by echo soundings taken with an 808 Fathometer. The shoalest sdgs. are shown on the boat sheet. ✓

#### RECORDS

WIRE DRAG: Standard records were kept. The diagrams have been drawn in the books and the effective depth to the nearest foot entered. Predicted tides for Port Jefferson were used for tide reducers. ✓

Drag strips were drawn on the "Guide" launch boat sheet at the end of each days work and predicted tides used for the effective depths shown. ✓

All references to effective depth in this report will be based on corrections using predicted tides. ✓

ECHO SOUNDING: The positions and soundings on the positions, were recorded in the tender record, a standard hydrographic record book, while running the sounding lines. The fathogram was scanned at the end of the day and shoal soundings between positions were entered in the record book. ✓

No bar checks could be obtained due to the existing sea conditions. The initial was set at two feet, the approximate depth of the transceivers below the surface of the water. ✓

The positions and critical soundings were plotted on an overlay and the shoalest soundings were transferred to the boat sheet. ✓

MEASURED MILE: The observations were inadvertently recorded in parts of three separate volumes and have been copied and copy checked into a standard Horizontal Angle book for forwarding. ✓

All computation<sup>s</sup> have been made and checked and are forwarded with this report. ✓

#### SPECIAL WIRE DRAG INVESTIGATION

The following shoal depths were found and cleared:

1. A 16 foot sounding, in Lat. 40-59.0 Long. 73-07.5, obtained by handlead, was cleared with 14 foot effective depth. ✓



2. A 19 foot echo sounding in Lat.  $40^{\circ}59.1'$  Long.  $73^{\circ}07.42'$  was cleared at 18 feet. ✓

3. A 19 foot echo sounding in Lat.  $40^{\circ}58.84'$  Long.  $73^{\circ}07.7'$  hung at 21 feet and pulled off. (not subsequently cleared) ✓

4. The charted 17 foot sounding in Lat.  $40^{\circ}58.9'$  Long.  $73^{\circ}06.8'$  was cleared at 14 feet. | not considered cleared  
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5. Several 20 foot soundings between the above listed 19 foot soundings were all cleared by at least 14 feet.

Conditions did not permit a <sup>thorough</sup> ~~through~~ investigation of the character or extent of the shoal soundings but an examination of the fathograms indicated that the shoal soundings are widely spaced large boulders similar to those existing and visible between the high and low water line at Old Field Point. ✓

The existing position of Buoy "11A" was determined by cuts taken at the same stage of current and checked when passed close by during dragging operations. ✓

It is recommended that this buoy be shifted to seaward of the shoal soundings found during this survey. No recommendation has been made to the U.S. Coast Guard regarding this since this report is being forwarded upon completion of the investigation. | Buoy has been shifted seaward to  $\phi - 40^{\circ}59.17'$   $\lambda - 73^{\circ}07.43'$  H.O.N. to N. 25, 1948

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Hydrographic signal LIL is a new 300' stack of the  $\phi - 40^{\circ}57'32''$  m.  $\lambda - 73^{\circ}04'10.18''$  m. Long Island Lighting Co. located at Port Jefferson and is the most prominent landmark in the area. It is visible from the westward before Old Field Point. This was located by sextant cuts from triangulation stations, taken at the time stations were recovered for use in establishing the measured mile. | Cuts recorded in sdg. vols. of present investigation

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF MEASURED MILE

In conf<sup>err</sup>ing with the Supervisor of the Eastern District, U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and a representative of the New York Sun it was learned that two points, one statute mile apart, eastward of Old Field Point Lighthouse had been located by a local engineer. It was desired to hold the westerly point, located on the bluff and near Old Field Point Lighthouse, as the westerly end of the measured mile, and to extend the easterly point so that the distance between the two points would be one nautical mile, so that ranges for a speed trial course could be established. ✓



The determination of the two end points by a three point fix or other means of similar accuracy was considered sufficient by the representative of the New York Sun, who is to build the ranges for the trial course. At the westerly point it was not possible to observe a three point fix without going to considerable expense to clear lines or erect signals so the point was located by determining a traverse distance from Old Point Lighthouse and computing the geographic position. ✓

A preliminary point, 800 feet eastward of the marked statue mile was determined by a three point fix and found to be 20.2 meters short of the required mile. A new point was set and angles measured to recovered triangulation stations and the geographic position computed. The distance between the two established points was computed as 1853.25 meters. Stakes were set at right angles at each end of the base to facilitate locating the end ranges when built. ✓

*Positions of ranges on following page.*

Respectfully submitted,

*W.F. Malnate*  
W.F. Malnate  
Lt. Comdr. C&GS  
Commanding Ships  
WAINWRIGHT & HILGARD

WFM/trb

*Error in field computation.  
Distance is 1853.63 meters.*

5/28/48

*C.A. Whitten*



# SATISTICS

## WIRE DRAG

Date	Day	Positions	Stat. Mi.
10 May	A	23	1.2
11 May	B	13	1.4
12 May	C	36	4.0
		<hr/> TOTAL 72	6.6
Area - 1.0 Sq. Stat. Mi.			

## HYDROGRAPHY

Date	Day	Positions	Stat. Mi.
10 May	A	1	--
11 May	B	26	4.2
		<hr/> TOTAL 27	4.2
Area - 0.05 Sq. Stat. Mi.			

## TRIANGULATION

Stations Recovered 4  
 Stations Established 2  
 Stations Occupied 3

SIGNALS - SHEET WAHI 2148

TRIANGULATION

OLD - Old Field Point L.H., 1882,1939

JET - Jetty, Port Jefferson, East Breakwater Light,1931,1939

PIPE - Port Jefferson Station Standpipe, 1931, 1939

HYDROGRAPHIC

LIL - Long Island Lighting Co. Stack, Port Jefferson

TOPOGRAPHIC

DAY - Lat. 40-57.1810 m Long. 73-09-689 m

COP - Lat. 40-58-08      Long. 73-08-86

ABE - Lat. 40-58-491      Long. 73-07-849



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## TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

~~Distances of Hydrographs and Topography:~~

1 July 1948

Division of Charts: R. H. Carstens

Plane of reference approved in  
3 volumes of sounding records for

~~HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET~~

FE No. 4 1948

Locality - Port Jefferson, Long Island Sound

Chief of Party: W. F. Malnate in 1948

Plane of reference is mean low water  
ft. on tide staff at  
ft. below B. M.

NOTE: Reducers have been checked by means of predictions at Port  
Jefferson Harbor Entrance, Long Island

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

E. C. McKay  
Section  
Chief, ~~Division of Tides and Currents.~~



Hydrographic Surveys (Chart Division)

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. ....

Records accompanying survey:

Boat sheets .....; sounding vols. ....; wire drag vols. <sup>2</sup>.....;  
bomb vols. ....; graphic recorder rolls <sup>2</sup>....;  
special reports, etc. Triangulation Computations, 5 Recovered Triang. Sta.,  
. 1 Hydro Sta., 1 Vol. of Horiz. Angles), Landmarks for charts, 2 Sect. of Ch-361

The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the sheet:

Number of positions on sheet	.....
Number of positions checked	.....
Number of positions revised	.....
Number of soundings revised (refers to depth only)	.....
Number of soundings erroneously spaced	.....
Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred	.....
Topographic details	Time .....
Junctions	Time .....
Verification of soundings from graphic record	Time .....

Verification by J.A. Winsmore ..... Total time 6 hrs. Date 4/14/49

Reviewed by J.A. Winsmore ..... Time 2 hrs. Date 4/14/49

*note: Call attention  
of nautical chart section to  
any changes made in processing  
affecting chart 361 to which this  
examination was applied 8/16/49  
Stepman*



REVIEW OF FIELD EXAMINATION NO. 4, 1948

1. The purpose of this field examination was to locate by wire-drag investigation a reported obstruction off Old Field Point, Long Island Sound, New York and to establish a measured nautical mile in the area to the southeastward. The survey adequately complies with the Project Instructions.
2. The work of the wire-drag investigation together with the shoalest soundings obtained by supplemental echo sounding lines are shown on the boat sheet which has been cut to envelope-filing size. The shoalest depth obtained was a 16-ft. hand-lead sounding in lat.  $40^{\circ} 59.0'$ , long.  $73^{\circ} 07.50'$ , which was subsequently cleared by 14-ft. effective depth. The other shoal soundings obtained in this vicinity are adequately discussed in the Descriptive Report and appear on the boat sheet.

The "reported obstruction" charted in lat.  $40^{\circ} 58.99'$ , long.  $73^{\circ} 07.22'$ , should be disregarded. In its charted position which originates with H.O. Notice to Mariners No. 5, 1948, the "obstruction" was cleared by an effective drag depth of 18 feet. The "Obstruction" is probably the 16 ft. sounding obtained about 350 meters westward on the present survey.

The 17-ft. prior sounding charted in lat.  $40^{\circ} 58.90'$ , long.  $78^{\circ} 06.80'$ , falls so close to the edge of the drag strip that it cannot be considered to have been cleared by the 14 ft. effective drag depth.

3. The position of gong buoy "11-A" was determined during the survey to be about 100 meters north of its charted position. This buoy has been subsequently moved seaward to lat.  $40^{\circ} 59.17'$ , long.  $73^{\circ} 07.43'$  (H.O. Notice to Mariners, 25, 1948).
4. The method of establishing the measured nautical mile is adequately discussed in the Descriptive Report which contains an abstract of the geographic positions of the East and West ranges of the mile. The measured mile is shown on a section of Chart 361 which is filed with the records of this work.

Reviewed by: T. A. Dinsmore

April 14, 1949

Inspected by: R. H. Carstens



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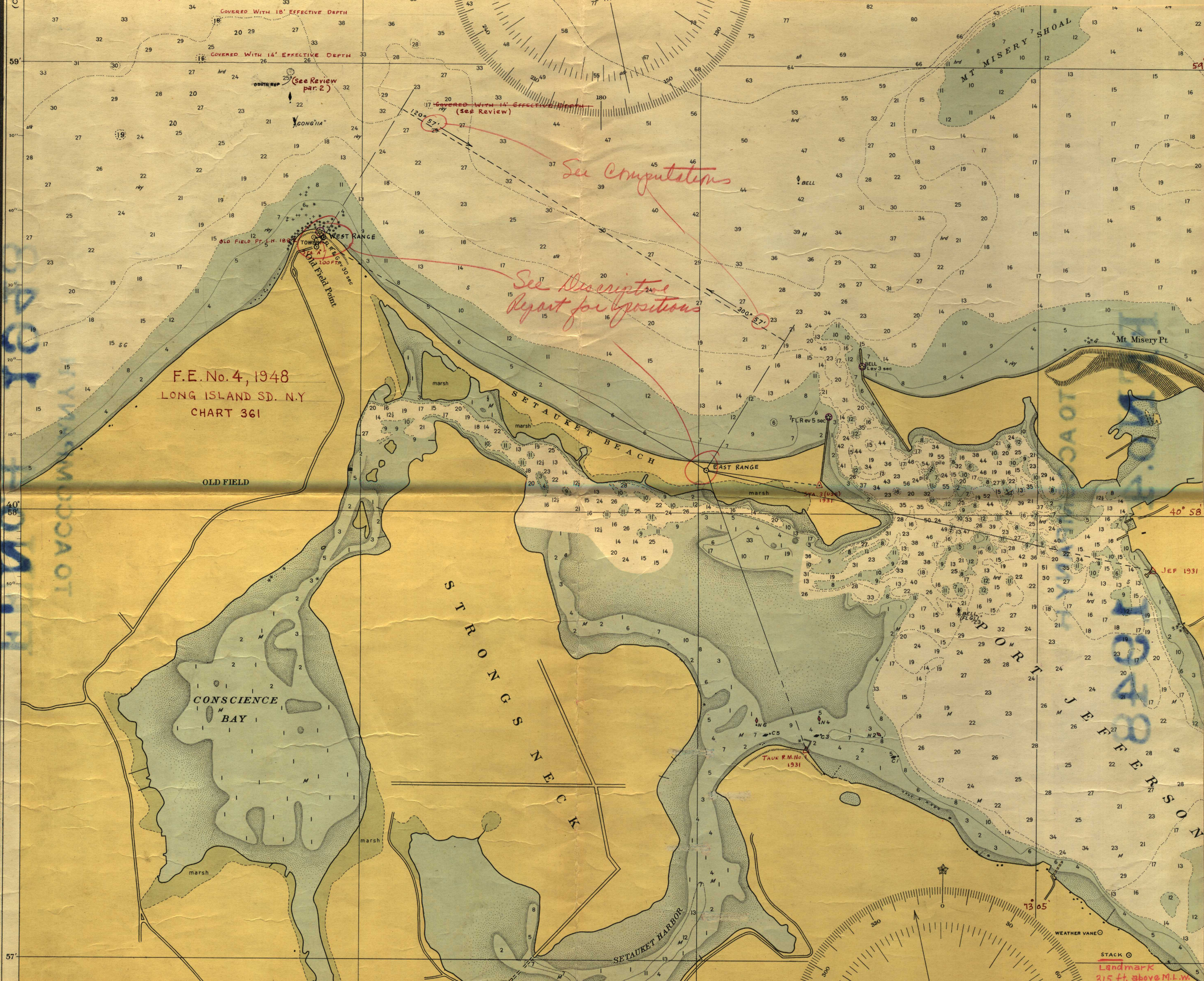
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Port Jefferson

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LONG ISLAND SD. N.Y.  
CHART 361

CONSCIENCE  
BAY

STRONG'S  
NECK

SETAUKET  
HARBOR

MT MISERY SHOAL

Mt Misery Pt

JEF 1931

STACK  
Landmark  
215 ft. above M.L.W.



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Overlay for port Jefferson Sheet  
off Old Field Point, L.I.

Scale 1:20,000

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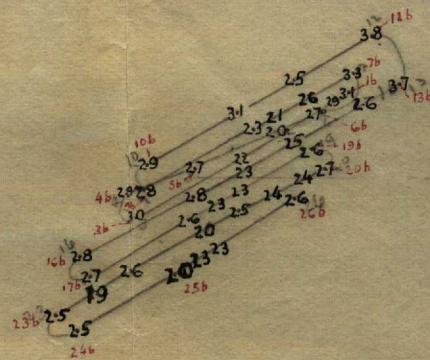
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△ OLD FIELD PT. L.H.

○ ABE

△ JET.

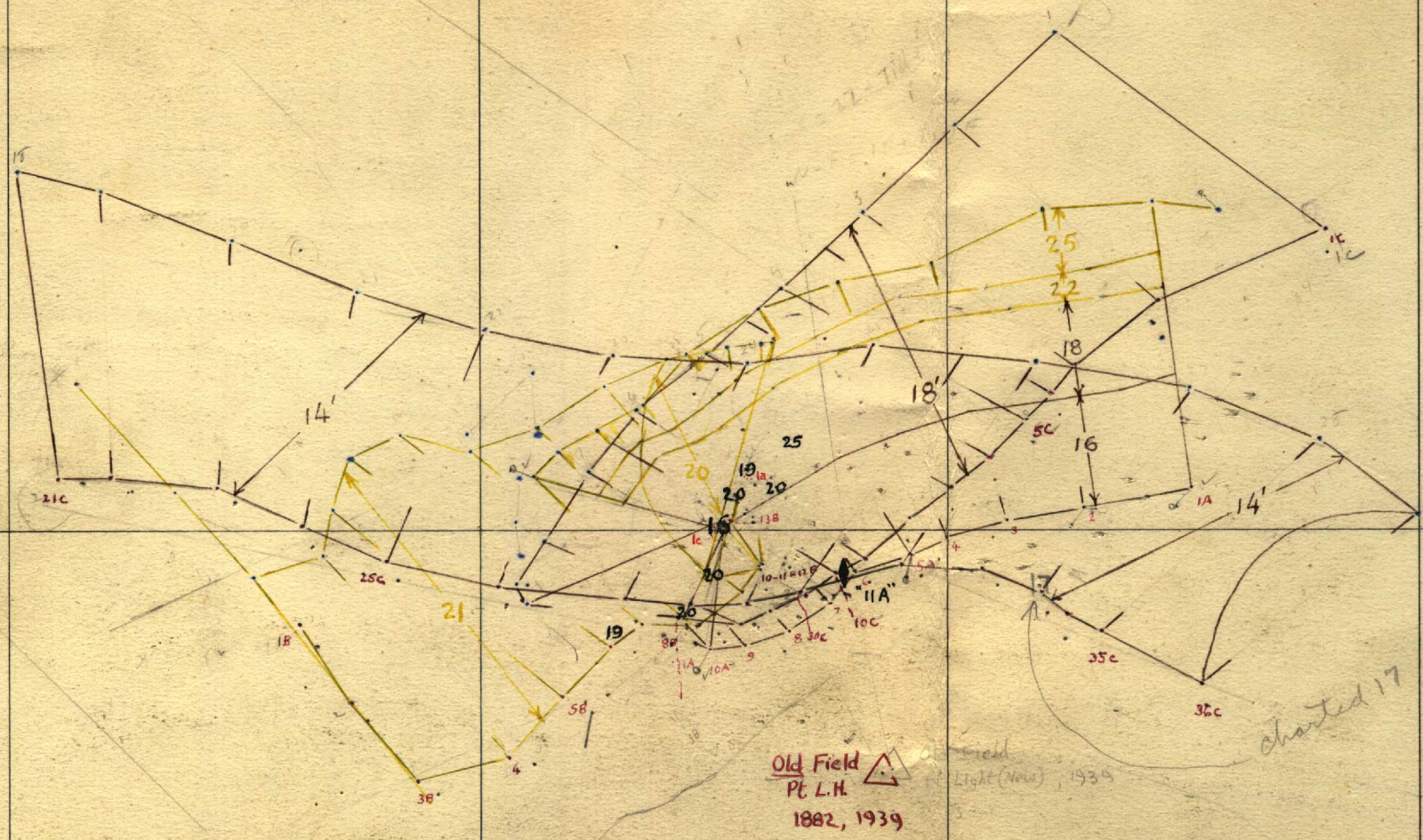
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F. E. No. 4, 1948  
 LONG ISLAND SOUND N.Y.  
 VIC. OF OLD FIELD POINT

(1:20,000)



Day

Crane  
neck  
West

Cap

Abe  
Bag

Conscience

Jetty, Port Jefferson, East Breakwater Light, 1931, 1939

Station 3

(Gravel) Port Jefferson  
(Chan) West Light  
Non-existent

Jef, 1931, 1939

Tauk, 1931, 1939

Shack,  
Long Island



7.E.4 applied to chart 361 - Completely before Ver and Review  
Stegman 8/16/48

completely applied to Ch 361 after review - NE Larson - Walker